

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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WEEK END READING

1. A personal letter to you from Ken Galbraith which is of very great interest and, if you are willing, I would like permission to show this privately to Korner and Talbot so that they will get a complete sense of what Galbraith is thinking. *ltd 11/13/62 filed "India"*
2. A short note from Mike Forrestal on Laos which he would like you to see. *ltd 11/14/62 - filed Laos*
3. A very interesting paper drafted mainly by Henry Rowen of Defense Department on the lessons of the Cuban experience. This may deserve somewhat more formal standing -- depending mainly on your judgment of it. *ltd 11/14/62 - filed Cuba*
4. A long piece on the long-run possibilities of negotiation with the Soviet Union. This is an unclassified Rostow document which I have not read, but at a first glance it does show a good range of the available alternatives. *ltd 11/9/62 filed "USSR"*
5. A draft paper on our position for the disarmament negotiations which is unlikely to be changed in any substantive way before it comes to you formally. Carl Kaysen has followed this closely and says that the recommended modifications in our position are marginal. The one large issue -- that of bases in general disarmament negotiations -- has been taken over by Bob McNamara for a special 90-day study. *ltd 11/15/62 filed Disarmament*

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